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SUBJECT: LE MONDE REPORT ON YUGOSLAV ARRESTS

1. ON TIP FROM DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE WE HAVE JUST OBTAINED COPY OF NOVEMBER 1 ISSUE OF LE MONDE WHICH PRINTS ANONYMOUS LETTER ABOUT ARRESTS IN CROATIA IN CURRENT GOY CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES. LETTER CLAIMS THAT MORE THAN 100 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN ZAGREB ALONE IN LARGEST "PURGE" SINCE CROATIAN EVENTS OF 1971. THOSE ARRESTED ALLEGEDLY INCLUDE STUDENTS, INTELLECTUALS, WORKERS, PRIESTS, LAWYERS AND JOURNALISTS.

2. LETTER LISTS FOLLOWING BY NAME: CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL AND WELL-KNOWN LAWYER LAV ZNIDARCIC; MRS. DAFINKA VECERINA, MLADEN GRUBISIC, AND MILE VUKOSAV, ALL REPORTEDLY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS IN POLITICAL TRIALS WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR; TOMISLAV DRAZIC, EDITOR OF ZAGREB'S VJESNIK, AND FOUR OTHER UNAMED JOURNALISTS. LETTER ADDS THAT MRS. VECERINA WAS LONG-TIME MEMBER OF LCY UNTIL HER EXPLUSION IN 1972 FOR "COURAGEOUS DEFENSE" OF ZAGREB STUDENTS WHO WERE ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1971.

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3. WE WILL CABLE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE OBTAIN

ON ALLEGATIONS IN LETTER, WHICH WE ASSUME IS AVAILABLE
TO DEPARTMENT IN FULL.
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